



Docket No.: 211163US2

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/902,697  
Applicants: Hisashi MITAMURA, et al.  
Filing Date: July 12, 2001  
For: APPARATUS FOR HEATING A GREEN TIRE  
Group Art Unit: 3742  
Examiner: VAN, Q.

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)(2) w/attachments**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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GREEN TIRE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(2)

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SIR:

Applicants herein petition the Commissioner to use his supervisory authority to compel the Examiner to consider and make of record Japanese patent publication 2000-61963, which was cited as item "AS" on the PTO Form 1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 10, 2003. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and a date-stamped filing receipt are attached herewith.

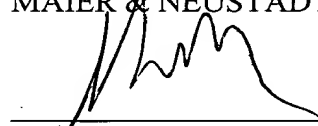
The PTO Form 1449 noted above was attached to the Office Action issued December 17, 2003. The other items cited in the PTO Form 1449 were initialed by the Examiner. Item "AS", on the other hand, was neither initialed nor marked through. It therefore appears that the Examiner inadvertently failed to initial item "AS" to indicate the consideration thereof.

Applicants therefore respectfully petition that this be done at the present time.

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition,  
any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

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Serial No. 09/902,697

In the matter of the Application of: Hisashi MITAMURA, et al.

For: APPARATUS FOR HEATING A GREEN TIRE

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By: MJS/phh

**Due Date: 09/16/2003**

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Dep. Acct. Order Form
  - Information Disclosure Statement
  - Cited References ( 8 )
  - Search Report EUROPEAN
  - IDS/Related/List of Related Cases
  - Cited Pending Applications ( 1 )
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hisashi MITAMURA, et al.

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FOR: APPARATUS FOR HEATING A GREEN TIRE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment form is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	3,294,606	12/27/66	A. C. MORGAN, et al.			
	AB	5,630,958	05/20/97	J. B. STEWART, Jr., et al.			
	AC	1,379,595	05/24/21	C. W. POST			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
	AM	1 090 729	04/11/2001	EUROPE		
	AN	34 15 967	11/22/84	GERMANY		X
	AO	WO 00/13883	03/16/2000	WIPO		
	AP	WO 99/03308	01/21/99	WIPO		
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AS	Derwent Publications, XP-002239577, JP 2000-61963, February 29, 2000				
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Date Considered

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